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- 2. Defendants RBDM, Rossi, Doskocil & Finkelstein, LLP ("RDF") and Brad Doskocil, CPA responses to the First Amended Complaint are due to be filed on January 8, 2007.
- 3. Counsel for Defendants and Plaintiff, Steven Nerayoff ("Plaintiff"), are currently working towards non-judicial resolution of issues relative to venue and a potential tolling agreement pending the outcome of Plaintiff's tax case now in the United States Tax Court and/or with the Internal Revenue Service out of which these matters arise. Counsel for Defendants and Plaintiff, are evaluating the judicial efficiency of proceeding with this action, regardless of venue, pending the outcome of the above-referenced United States Tax Court and/or the Internal Revenue Service matters. However, discussions between the parties and their counsel regarding the same have been unexpectedly interrupted and/or delayed in part because Plaintiff's counsel, Paul Rice, has experienced a family emergency which has taken him away from the office and rendered him otherwise unable to attend to this matter.
- 4. Judicial economy merits a continuance of Defendants' deadline to respond to the First Amended Complaint to January 29, 2007. This continuance will afford Mr. Rice time to attend to a family emergency and should also allow the parties sufficient time to complete their factual investigation and negotiations such that the action may be dismissed without prejudice prior to such date or, in the alternative, matters of venue may be fully evaluated so that pleadings, including possible motions to dismiss and/or transfer the matter may be filed.
- 5. I have discussed the scheduling and other issues presented in this Joint Stipulation with Paul E. Rice's office and John S. Blackman, counsel for RDF and jointly for Brad Doskocil. Counsel for all parties join in this request for a continuance of the deadline for Defendants to respond to the First Amended Complaint.
- 6. A previous extension of time to respond to the original Complaint was sought in this case and granted affording Defendants RBDM and Doskocil until January 8, 2007 to file responsive pleadings.